

*Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System*

Present

COURSE NO. 01.HCVC.A

**UPDATES ON THE TREATMENT AND SUPPORTIVE CARE**

**OF VETERANS WITH HEPATITIS C**

September 19-21, 2001

In cooperation with

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE EDUCATION  
AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIC HEALTHCARE GROUP  
CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR HEPATITIS C RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

**Place:** Hilton Hotel and Towers, 333 O Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA

**Purpose:** Update the provider on state-of-the-art approaches to the treatment and supportive care of Veterans infected with Hepatitis C and related complications of the disease

**Objectives:**

1. Define the efficacy and safety of new treatments for Hepatitis C chronic infection in the US Veteran
2. Review evolving patient management strategies for patients with HIV/Hepatitis C co-infection
3. Define the effect of substance abuse on treatment candidacy and response to therapy for Hepatitis C
4. Describe the impact of psychiatric disease on Hepatitis C treatment tolerability and clinical outcomes
5. Describe the medical management of end stage liver disease and the process for liver transplantation within the VA Healthcare System

**Target Audience:** This program will be of interest to Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Pharmacists and other healthcare providers in the areas of Hepatology, Infectious Disease, Primary Care, Mental Health and Substance Abuse interested in the management of Hepatitis C.

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***Report of Training:***

It is the program participant's responsibility to ensure that this training is documented in the appropriate location according to his/her locally prescribed process.

**Program Schedule****WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2001**

5:00 to 7:00 pm      Registration

5:00 to 7:00 pm      Educational Resources on the VA Hepatitis C      *Kevin Montegrande*  
 Web site — Computer Lab

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2001**

7:00 am      Registration

8:00am to 5:00pm      Educational Resources on the VA Hepatitis C      *Kevin Montegrande*  
 Web site — Computer Lab

**General Session**8:00      Welcome      *June Wright*

8:05      Introduction      *Lawrence Deyton*  
*Stephen Rossi*

**New Treatment Strategies**

8:15      New and Emerging Treatments for Hepatitis C:      *Timothy Morgan*  
 A Focus on the Pegylated Interferons

8:50      Evolving Approaches to the Treatment of      *Steven Flamm*  
 Relapsers and Non-responders

9:30      Questions

9:45      Break

10:00      Management of the Hematologic Side-effects of      *Norbert Brau*  
 Interferon and Ribavirin

10:30      Management of the Psychiatric Side-Effects of      *Peter Hauser*  
 Interferon and Other Hepatitis C Treatments

11:00      Questions

11:15      **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

A      Investigational Therapies for Hepatitis C      *John McHutchison*  
*Stephen Rossi*

B      Hepatitis C Post Exposure Testing and Treatment      *William Bower*  
 Guidelines      *Richard Harper*  
*Neville Pimstone*

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2001 (cont d)**

C	Management of the Extra-hepatic Manifestations of Hepatitis C	<i>Warren Schmidt</i>
D	Show Me the Money — Navigating the Complexities of Complex Care	<i>Stephen Kendall Michael Rigsby Kenneth Swasey Helen Yee</i>
12:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
<b>Treatment in Special Populations</b>		
1:45	Advances in the Management of HIV/Hepatitis C Co-infection	<i>Edmund Bini</i>
2:30	Substance Abuse and Hepatitis C Treatment Candidacy — When to Treat, When Not to Treat	<i>Laura McNicholas</i>
3:15	Questions	
3:30	Break	
3:50	<u>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</u>	
A	Integrating Hepatitis C and HIV Screening, Testing, and Counseling	<i>Brigitte Finkelstein Karen Jeppson Troy Knighton Jeannie Williams-Saporito</i>
B	Treatment Evaluation and Candidacy of Patients with Significant Psychiatric Disease	<i>Jeffrey Goldsmith Mark Willenbring</i>
C	Medication Management of the HIV/ Hepatitis C Co-infected Patient: Case Presentations and Panel Discussion	<i>Norbert Brau Lorna Dove Shvawn Baker-McPherson</i>
D	Treatment of Hepatitis C in the Methadone Maintenance Patient	<i>Laura McNicholas Diana Sylvestre</i>
5:00	Adjourn	

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2001****End Stage Complications**

8:00 a.m.	Welcome	<i>June Wright</i>
8:00	Medical Evaluation of Patients Under Consideration for Liver Transplantation	<i>Joseph Awad</i>
8:30	Psychosocial Criteria for Listing for Liver Transplant: What Providers Needs to Know	<i>Ann Busch</i>

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2001 (cont d)**

9:00	Management of Patients After Liver Transplantation: Overview of the VA Programs	<i>John Rabkin</i>
9:30	Liver Transplant Panel Question and Answer Forum	<i>Joseph Awad Ann Busch John Rabkin Brenda Salvat</i>
10:00	Break	
10:20	New Approaches to the Management of the Medical Complications of Cirrhosis	<i>Bradford Waters</i>
11:00	Screening and Diagnosis of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Patients with Hepatitis C	<i>Christopher O'Brien</i>
11:35	New Medical and Surgical Treatment Strategies for Hepatocellular Carcinoma	<i>William Chapman</i>
12:10 pm	Questions	
12:30	Closing Remarks Adjournment	<i>Lawrence Deyton Stephen Rossi</i>



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